

posed arrogance or injustice of other States (especially Virginia) and great mental intrepidity which did not dread collision with the master spirits of the times.

One of his letters gives a detailed account of the Battle of Brandywine, in which he was an amateur, having gone out from Phila. in the expectation of a brilliant victory. This, he says, would have been attained, but for the singular and stupid blunders of Gen'l Sullivan, and asserts that although our troops and officers under the grade of Major General were admirable, there was no officer of that high grade in the service, who was worthy of his place, except the Commander in Chief.

Speaking of an excitement in Penna. growing out of the Constitutional provision of a single Legislative body, he declares, that he has heard that Dr. Franklin carried that article by representing that two bodies engaged in the lawmaking power would operate like a waggon with two horses drawing at each end, in opposite directions. Upon which Burke adds, that the propriety of two bodies in Legislation, might be much more truly shewn by a simile of four horses attached to the front of a waggon assisting each other in pulling up hill, and in bad places, but when going down hill, the hindmost horses counteracting the dangerous effect of the situation of the ground and force of those in front.

I have found all the papers of Caswell, mentioned in his memorandum, handed to me by you, that relate to subjects of much moment, except his Messages to the Legislature; that is, the packages with corresponding Numbers are here, but they have been searched heretofore, and some of the letters, I think, are abstracted.

The letters of Burke, before mentioned, will be of course copied in Caswell's correspondence, but such is my estimate of them from a hasty perusal, that had they been discovered in time, I would have had them also inserted among the present labors of Mr. Scott.

I will box up the Caswell papers, and retain them untill I shall have more leisure for their arrangement than I can command for a month or two to come.

I will probably go to Hillsboro' about the middle of this week—say Thursday,—and will remain ten or twelve days.

I send by this mail to Professor Mitchell a check for Four Hundred dollars, for outfit of his Turnpike Mission.